

Langtoft Parish Council

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10 January 2012 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Roy Jackson (Chairman), Yvonne McCulloch, Andy Hallam, Debbie Hallam, Derek Risk, Colin Larkman and Andy Halfhide

In Attendance: Steina Bishop (Clerk), Rosemary Woolley (District Councillor), Kelham Cooke (District Councillor), Jim Haw (Internal Auditor, PCSO Michelle Laughton and 2 members of the public.

Public Forum

Items raised were:

- Comment was raised regarding the pot holes on the A15 and that these had now been repaired and thanks were given to the Council.
- Clerk was asked to re-investigate the rare ferns which had been removed from the front wall of 42a East End.
- Questions were asked regarding the Queens Diamond Jubilee and were advised that this was discussed in the Events Report.
- Concerns were raised regarding the Christmas at the Crossroads – although the event itself was a success, the refreshments themselves were not ready and disorganised. Further information regarding this are in the Events Report.
- Cllr Kelham Cooke advised that he too is trying to arrange spot checks and locations of bins for the dog fouling issue – he will report an update at the next meeting.
- Cllr Cooke advised that investigations are underway with regards to car parking within Stamford, Bourne, Grantham and the Deepings for improvement purposes. He advised that this is for a provision and not for charging.
- Cllr Rosemary Woolley advised that Cllr Mike Cook has an amount of money available to give to local community groups for events during 2011/12. This needs to be actioned before May.
- Cllr Rosemary Woolley advised that County Councillors have £2000 to spend from the Big Society Grant – Any requests need to be forwarded to Cllr P Robinson. This money is available for 2011/12 and also 2012/13. PC to contact Cllr Robinson regarding this.

- A member in the open forum had spoken to Highways regarding the bridge at Stowe, whilst they carried out a survey, who in turn said that they are looking at the possibility of widening the bridge.
- A member in the open forum requested that we, the PC look to the possible acquisition of more land for the future of the Cemetery and that the Church cemetery is open only for the internment of ashes.
- PCSO Michelle Laughton advised of various crimes within the area. These consist of Catalytic Converters from vehicles with high wheel bases, theft from Hanson Quarry of diesel and fuel and tools stolen from Cloven Ends. During their panel meeting held on Monday 9th January the areas discussed were speeding within villages, cycling on footpaths and illegal parking.
- PCSO M Laughton advised that several complaints had been received regarding illegal parking during events at the Village Hall and will advised colleagues to be aware on their routes.

The open forum closed after 30 minutes at 7.30 pm.

Main Agenda

74/11 Chairman's Opening Remarks.

The Chairman thanked the members of the public for their contribution, wished all a Happy New Year and moved to the main agenda.

75/11 Apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr T Garratt and Cllr M Thompson.

76/11 Declarations of interest. There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

77/11 Approval of Minutes of previous meeting (29 November 2011)

The approval of the previous minutes was proposed by Cllr Risk, seconded by Cllr A Hallam and agreed unanimously.

78/11 Clerks Report

The Clerk presented the report, which was accepted by the Council and it was noted:

- Currently awaiting response from SKDC regarding dog fouling.
- There have been 3 planning applications since previous meeting.
- PC is still trying to contact SKDC and the land owner regarding the boundary walls of Nurse Lambert's property.

- There have been no major changes to the website.

79/11 Finance & General Purpose Group Report

The Council accepted the F&GP Group Report and noted:

- The terms current financial statement.
- The budget for 2012/13 has been proposed and no comments were raised.
- The internal auditors report to the Chairman on the third quarter of the year had been confirmed to members and the Council noted the satisfactory conclusion.
- It was proposed by members of the Finance & General Purpose Group that new guidelines and procedures need to be in place for the next financial year (2012/13).
 1. Limit the number of pages to 36
 2. All adverts to go through the Clerk
 3. Payment terms at strictly 60 days from date of invoice on all annually placed adverts.
 4. One off adverts placed strictly payment at time of placing order.
 5. Paid adverts take priority – non paying adverts to be in filled on other pages.
 6. Organisations deemed as Commercial will pay for their advertising.
 7. Church/LVHMC/Langtoft Players may receive, free of charge, a ¼ or ½ page adverts. If any of the above organisations require a larger advert there will be a cost incurred. This will be the difference between a ¼ to full or ½ pages to full.
 8. No person is permitted to place a letter or complaint without prior consent from council members.

It was agreed to fully discuss the subject of Grapevine under the agenda item on Grapevine.

80/11 Events Group Report

The Council accepted the Events Group Report and noted:

- **Diamond Jubilee** There was a poor response to the request for suggestions. A meeting is to be arranged by PC to aim to form a separate committee to run.
- **Best Kept Village** Cllr Risk is confirming when the application needs to be submitted by.
- **Consecration/Cemetery** All plans had been implemented for the Consecration. The path had now been completed.
- **Christmas at Crossroads** This event was successful with good attendance. The larger numbers present did give rise to some safety concerns which would be addressed for next year's event. There were some delays with the provision of the mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.

- **Olympic Torch** The date for the Olympic Torch is on 4th July where it shall be passing through our Village. The estimated time is not currently published. It was agreed to advertise the details so any villagers interested can line the streets. Local PCSO's would be contacted for further information.
- **Grapevine** It was agreed that brief updates on the Jubilee, Best Kept Village and Olympic Torch should be included in the next edition of the Grapevine. Events GP will forward relevant information to PC.

81/11 Amenities Group Report

The Council accepted the Amenities Group Report and noted:

- There is 1 amendment to the clerks notes dated 29th November and that approximately £600 is required for play equipment/restoration. Proposed by Cllr D Risk, Seconded by Cllr A Hallam and majority voted.
- 1 Tonne of salt has been delivered. The salt bins will be placed around the village in the very near future.
- A work party is being arranged to finish works in East End park.
- All quotes must go through the Clerk and orders placed by the Clerk.

82/11 Grapevine

- The new procedures were presented to full council.
- Amendment to Point 7 on Finance & General Purpose report to read – The Church/LVHMC/Langtoft Players may receive, free of charge, a ¼ or ½ page advert. If any of the above organisations require a larger advert and there is insufficient space left and thus going over the agreed 36 pages a charge will apply. This will be the difference between a ¼ to full or ½ pages to full.
- Proposed by Cllr C Larkman, Seconded by Cllr D Risk – Majority voted
- Amendment to Point 8 on Finance & General Purpose report to read – Anonymous letters or notices will not be accepted.
- Proposed by Cllr A Hallam, Seconded by Cllr A Halfhide – Majority voted
- The remaining guidelines were accepted by Council. However Cllr Y McCulloch, was against certain areas of these changes.

Increase in Fees

It was proposed that an increase in advertising costs be effective from 1st April and are as follows;

Quarter Page	from	£6	to	£7	Monthly
	From	£30	to	£36	Annually
Half Page	from	£10	to	£11	Monthly
	From	£50	to	£60	Annually
Full Page	from	£18	to	£20	Monthly
	From	£90	to	£102	Annually

Proposed Cllr A Halfhide; Seconded Cllr A Hallam and majority voted. Cllr Y McCulloch voted against.

Date of next meeting, 21 February 2012 in the Village Hall

The meeting ended at 9.30pm

Steina Bishop
Clerk to Langtoft Parish Council.